

RAILROAD MEN FORECAST DAWN OF PROSPEROUS DAY

Believe Rate Decision Reflects Change
in Attitude of Public Toward Carriers.

CLUB HOLDS REGULAR MEETING

Prominent Officials Address Meeting
on Live Topics—Transportation Is
Declared Dominant Interest of the
World—White and Stevens Speak.

Railroad men believe that the recent decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission granting an increase in freight rates to certain Eastern lines indicates the existence of a clearer understanding between the public and the carriers and that the decision forecasts an era of greater prosperity for the entire country. This sentiment was expressed in speeches made last night by prominent officials of transportation companies, addressing a regular meeting of the Richmond Railroad Club held at the Murphy Hotel, attended by 100 members.

The dawn of a better day for the railroads and for railroad men has already come, according to President William H. White, of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad. Discussing the marked change in public sentiment toward the railroads, President White said: "There are many signs of such a dawn. One certainly is that we, as railroad men, are no longer reckoned as thieves or perjurers. The president said he would recall the time when it was almost useless to put railroad men on the witness stand to testify, because, he said, they would not be believed, but now they are believed and are being declared that such times have passed, he said: 'This of itself counts much as indicating a changed public sentiment, but the attitude of the press, the country and the commission in the late deliverance means much more.'

NEW DAWN FOR RAILROADS, SAYS WILLIAM H. WHITE

"The headlight of the locomotive is no longer regarded as the evil eye of a monster, but as the light which illumines the trade of our country; the light which opens the eyes of intelligent men; the light which attracts men to the new places in the land, and which causes prosperity to glow; men and women to be glad with the joy of living and working the while. Public sentiment has advanced and the railroads and the commission in the late deliverance means much more."

After he had discussed the importance of transportation to the life of the community and nation, President White said: "Transportation is the problem of our day, and I believe we have the men to solve the problem. Yes, I believe that we have such men here among us to-night, and to them I bow in sincere recognition of their worth, with which will show itself in all proper ways in helping on the new dawn to a full-grown day of such transportation development as will challenge the admiration of all men."

EQUIPMENT ORDERS SHOW FUTURE IN RAILROADS

W. D. Duke, of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac, who was recently elected president of the club, was the first speaker at last night's meeting. He spoke interestingly of the work of the club, and spoke of the things it hopes to accomplish in the future looking to the general improvement of transportation facilities and of the club itself. In commenting on the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Mr. Duke called attention to press reports indicating that the Illinois Central has placed orders for \$2,500,000 of equipment in the faith that the decision will have a stimulating effect on business.

President George W. Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio, spoke of the numerous advantages to be derived from the club by railroad men, and took occasion to make favorable comment upon the "safety first" movement in railroad work. He said it is a live issue and deserves the attention of every good railroad man.

Short speeches were made by others attending the gathering, including H. Root Palmer, of the Virginia Railway and Power Company; J. E. Faxon, of the Chesapeake and Ohio; C. W. Bradley, superintendent of telegraph of the Chesapeake and Ohio; and E. I. Ford, division superintendent of the Chesapeake and Ohio.

W. Bradley, of the Chesapeake and Ohio, was last night elected third vice-president of the club, succeeding Charles R. Clapp, of the Seaboard Air Line, resigned. The meeting is regarded as having been one of the most helpful and enthusiastic in the history of the organization.

ROBBERIES REPORTED

Mrs. J. P. McDonough, wife of Veterinary Surgeon J. P. McDonough, of 715-A North Meadow Street, yesterday reported to the police that she had either lost or had stolen from her a handsome diamond bracelet, while shopping in a Broad Street department store. The bracelet is said to be a heavy gold link bracelet with a large diamond, in which is set a large diamond. Eleven smaller diamonds are set in various places in the bracelet.

Dr. J. P. Bowles, 415 East Grace Street, last night reported to the police that a sneak thief had stolen his watch, a gold watch, from the hall of St. Elizabeth's Hospital Nurses Home during the late afternoon.

W. S. Solomon reported to the police last night that \$40 had been stolen from his room.

Mrs. Morris, 310 North Twenty-eighth Street, notified the First Station that \$17 had been stolen from her home during the day.

Franklin Allen asked the assistance of the police in recovering a \$20 suit and \$5 in money which she alleged had been stolen from her room.

W. L. Brown, 1911 East Marshall Street, last night reported the police that \$25.00 in money and a \$20.00 watch had been stolen from his room during the day.

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HIGHWAY IS COMPLETED AS FAR AS FREDERICKSBURG

Money Is Needed to Finish Automobile Road From That Point to Washington.

Plans to increase the membership and to put new life into the organization were discussed at the meeting last night of the Richmond Automobile Club. President C. L. Watkins stirred the club to action, and the members present were sufficiently inspired by the need of more aggressive movement to adopt certain means which will be employed in inducing more automobile owners to join the club, and to have those who are now members take more interest in the club's work.

The suggestion of Secretary J. T. W. Curtis, President Watkins appointed a committee of five to operate in a like committee already appointed by the Hotel Men's Association to seek a reduction in toll charges in Virginia and North Carolina. This committee consists of P. L. Butler, L. M. Foster and H. H. Omohundro. It was stated that the charges on the Shenandoah Valley Turnpike one way were 5 cents a mile, or \$1.25 for the trip from Winchester to Harrisonburg.

Asked as to the progress which has been made in the construction of the Richmond-Washington highway, Preston Levin stated that the road had been completed as far as Fredericksburg; but that it was completed in certain districts from Fredericksburg to Washington, but that in one county \$25,000 would be needed to finish the work. He said that the road would be opened, though not completed, by spring, and he hoped that sufficient interest could be aroused to make it a complete highway from end to end. No assistance could be expected, however, he said, from Washington.

Mr. Curtis said that progress is being made with the magazine which is to make its first appearance in January. Great things are expected of the publication. The club also discussed the advisability of employing a permanent lawyer to represent the club and its members in the courts. In order to arouse more interest, a floral parade, in which every member is to take part, after the meeting refreshments were served.

Wagon Struck by Car.
A wagon, driven by E. H. Morris, was struck by an Oakwood and Broad Street car at Junction of the two streets yesterday afternoon and the horse was slightly injured. It is said that the driver was unable to stop the wagon, the harness while the wagon was standing on the car tracks, and that Morris jumped away from the horse before it was struck and escaped injury.

The Weather

Forecast: Virginia—Fair and colder Tuesday; Wednesday fair.

Local Forecast: Fair and somewhat colder Tuesday; Wednesday fair.

Local Temperature Yesterday.

12 noon temperature.....	41
3 P. M. temperature.....	53
6 P. M. temperature.....	53
Minimum temperature to 8 P. M.	53
Minimum temperature to 8 P. M.	53
Normal temperature.....	40
Excess in temperature yesterday.....	13
Deficiency in temperature.....	2

March 1..... 257
Accumulated deficiency in temperature since January 1..... 306

Local Rainfall Yesterday.

Rainfall last twenty-four hours.....	.14
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1.....	.03
Accumulated deficiency in rainfall since January 1.....	.933

Local Observations at 8 P. M. Yesterday. Temperature, 34; humidity, 91; wind, light; direction, west; wind velocity, 6; weather, clear.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

(At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)	Place.	Temp.	Humidity.	Wind.	Weather.
Atlanta.....	42	50	40	Cloudy	
Boston.....	38	52	32	Clear	
Chicago.....	38	52	32	Clear	
Cincinnati.....	38	52	32	Clear	
Dayton.....	38	52	32	Clear	
Denver.....	38	52	32	Clear	
Detroit.....	38	52	32	Clear	
Indianapolis.....	38	52	32	Clear	
Los Angeles.....	38	52	32	Clear	
Memphis.....	38	52	32	Clear	
Minneapolis.....	38	52	32	Clear	
Montgomery.....	38	52	32	Clear	
New Orleans.....	38	52	32	Clear	
New York.....	38	52	32	Clear	
Norfolk.....	38	52	32	Clear	
Oklahoma.....	38	52	32	Clear	
Philadelphia.....	38	52	32	Clear	
Pittsburgh.....	38	52	32	Clear	
Raleigh.....	38	52	32	Clear	
St. Louis.....	38	52	32	Clear	
St. Paul.....	38	52	32	Clear	
Spokane.....	38	52	32	Clear	
Tampa.....	38	52	32	Clear	
Washington.....	38	52	32	Clear	
Winnipeg.....	38	52	32	Clear	
Yonkers.....	38	52	32	Clear	

MINIATURE ALMANAC

December 22, 1914.

Sun rises.....7:23 Morning.....8:57
Sun sets.....4:55 Evening.....9:42

A Foe to Tuberculosis

The Journal of the American Medical Association, in its issue of August 9, 1913, reviewing an article on "The Influence of Calcium Salts on Constitution and Health," said:

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WOULD HAVE SURPLUS IF FINES WERE COLLECTED

State Accountant Smyth Raps Laxity of Fee System Magistrates.

MANY FINES ARE REMITTED

System of Lumping Accounts Without Specific Details Is Criticized. Fines Totalling \$6000 Accumulated Against Man Who Paid Nothing.

"If all the fines imposed by police justices and county magistrates in State cases were collected we would have a good surplus in the State treasury."

Dereliction of duty on the part of Commonwealth's attorneys and other State and county officers, who are apparently deterred by fear of political influences in their respective communities, is charged by implication in the foregoing statement made by State Accountant W. Frank Smyth, who recently completed his audit of the books of the different State departments.

The State Accountant's thorough and systematic search of the financial records disclosed the need for some changes, which he is recommending to the Auditing Committee of the General Assembly. His report was submitted several days ago to the committee, and suggestions offered by Accountant Smyth have been given careful consideration.

ACCOUNTANTS' WANTS LESS "LUMPING" OF FUNDS

The State Accountant believes that there should be a more specific accounting of moneys derived from various sources, and less "lumping" of funds. He said yesterday that he contemplated advising a specific accounting from local magistrates of fines imposed under the State laws. Among other things which have attracted his attention is the revenue derived from fines imposed by police justices and county magistrates in cases prosecuted by the State Department of Labor.

It is commonly known that local magistrates before whom violators of the State labor laws are haled by inspectors of the Labor Department sometimes remit the fines imposed after the fact. The accountants who prosecuted the case have departed.

If these magistrates were compelled to make the proper accounting and the fines imposed were to be turned into a separate fund and not lumped with the State fund or some other fund, the magistrates would be more careful about remitting fines and more particular about seeing that the fines were collected. In the opinion of State Accountant Smyth, the State Department realizes that State officers, such as the inspectors of the Department of Labor, going into a city or county distant from their own offices, are frequently unwelcome. Local authorities are in a bad light when the State officer comes within their bailiwick and secures convictions, thus making it manifest that they are not enforcing the laws. Hence these State officers are only left to obtain the co-operation of the local authorities in enforcing the laws, but even encounter obstacles thrown in their way by the local police.

NO RECORD OF LOSS THROUGH FAILURE TO COLLECT

It is impossible to form an intelligent estimate of the amount lost by the Commonwealth annually through dereliction of the proper authorities to enforce collections of fines. State Accountant Smyth, discussing the matter yesterday, said he had encountered one instance in which fines aggregating \$600 had been permitted to accumulate against a negro in one of the counties, who had been arrested at different times for illegal liquor selling. The negro was convicted each time and the fine imposed, but for some reason, unexplained, the negro was not compelled to pay the fines. He was the owner of a house and lot. While the accumulation of fines was running against him the house burned down.

Accountant Smyth believes that conditions such as now exist, permitting timorous magistrates to keep themselves in office by depriving the State of its revenues should be corrected.

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REMOVE HEALTH MENACE FROM SCOTT'S ADDITION

Board Asks for Estimates on Providing Section With Water and Sewerage.

City Engineer Bolling was directed by the Administrative Board yesterday to prepare plans and estimates for the installation of proper sewerage system in Scott's Addition—a far-western suburb which became part of the city with the recent annexation. The section is located just west of the Boulevard and north of Broad Street.

Scott's Addition is at present without sewerage facilities of any description. The drainage is of the surface variety, and has been a matter of considerable concern to the Health Department, which has repeatedly pointed out the necessity that this condition holds for the health of the settlement and the city at large.

Simultaneously with the order to the City Engineer the board entered an order directing Superintendent Davis of the Water Works, to report on the cost of installing a complete water distributing system. The settlement is supplied with water by wells, many of which are far from satisfactory.

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SHIPPING EXHIBITS

Furniture for Virginia Building at San Francisco Will Leave Shortly.

Captain W. W. Baker, of the Virginia Commission to the Panama-Pacific Exposition, called at the office of Governor Stuart yesterday morning for a brief conference preliminary to the packing and shipping of the Virginia exhibit, which is to be sent to San Francisco. Captain Baker left for Washington last night to look after business details in connection with the work. The car in which the exhibit will be loaded will be in Washington early next week. The furniture for the Mount Vernon building will be loaded there. The car will then come to Richmond for the agricultural and educational exhibits.

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